Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir,

Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table, the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item	Amount Rs.	Remarks
13. General Administration—Huzur. Purchase of books.	330	This has been sanctioned by transfer from "33. Miscellaneous-Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges"; towards the purchase of 15 copies of further volumes of Macpherson's British Enactments (Revised Edition). The books were being sent as they were published. As the V. P. Parcel containing the fourth consignment had to be taken delivery of immediately the allotment had to be granted urgently.

Demands for supplementary grants.

1. I—Land Revenue—Establishment Rs. 7,753.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I rise to move that this House will be pleased to vote for a supplementary grant of Rs. 7,753 under 1. Land Revenue—Establishment. The necessity for this supplementary grant has been clearly but briefly explained in the printed note put up before the Standing Finance Committee by the Secretary to the Diwan, and this note has been circulated to all the Members. If any further information is necessary to elucidate the demand, I shall gladly supply it. It is very clearly stated in that note that the excess is due to (1) increase of pay sanctioned to the Sampradhies, Gollahs, Village-officers etc., (2) disbursement of arrear pay consequent on the general revision of pay ordered with effect from 1st Chingam 1105 and (3) increase in the amount of leave allowance. No provision could be made last year in the Budget estimate for 1106 for (1) and (2) as orders were passed only in the current year, while in regard to (3) the usual provision made; viz., 5 per cent of the pay of the staff, is found insuffi-

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cient. Hence the necessity for the additional grant. This explains the necessity for the increase of grant, Rs. 7,753.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I suppose the amount has already been spent?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A Good portion of this has been spent, since it is now the month of Karkadagam.

Question put and agreed to.

2. 1—Land Revenue—Contribution to Municipalities—Rs. 2,000.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sir, I rise once more to request this House to vote for a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,000 for paying the usual contribution to the Municipalities for 1106. The necessity for this also has been explained in the note presented by the Secretary to the Diwan to the Standing Finance Committee. It is the practice everywhere to pay from Government, 33 and 1/3 per cent of the expenditure incurred by the Municipalities. Government contribute one third of the cost as a compensation for the Government work done. We adopted this practice from 1104 in the Trichur Municipality. The temporary survey staff of the other three Municipalities was made permanent in 1105 and we have now to pay to the four Municipalities on an average of Rs. 1,500 per annum. We made a provision only for an allotment of Rs. 350 in the budget estimate for 1106. So there is necessity to pay the contribution to all the Municipalities together. I request that the House will be pleased to grant this.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know whether you have verified whether the Municipalities have done any sort of work?

Rao Sahib Mr. T.V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, they have to maintain a set of registers. The rules require the checking of these registers by me. I check and verify them during the Jamabundi and I find that they have done a fair amount of good work.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know when this temporay establishment was allowed to be entertained by the Government so far as the Ernakulam Municipality is concerned?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I cannot give the exact date. I think it was in the beginning of 1103, after the street survey of 1102. The temporary establishment to the best of my recollection was sanctioned in the beginning of 1103. I am not sure but it may be from the beginning of 1103.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If I am allowed to that statement I may say that it was allowed in 1101. What was the reason for not allowing these grants up to 1105?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The staff was made permanent only from 1105 and the rules also came into existence only from 1105. The new Land Revenue Manual was issued only is 1105. There were no special reasons. Probably there might have been no reasons. The rules did not come into existence at that time.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was it not made a condition that the contribution will be made when the establishment is made permanent?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There was no such definite condition. The order for the contribution became general and specific from the beginning of 1105.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Were there not repeated requests for making the establishment permanent?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was made permanent after repeated requests.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Why was there so much delay from 1101 to 1105?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think that the revision of the establishment of the Municipalities was taken up, after orders were passed on the Special Finance Committee; the revision of establishment of Municipalities was considered as part and parcel of the revision of Government Establishments. The Government Departments were taken up first, then the Devaswams and then the Municipalities. It came in the usual course of things.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Did not the delay in making the establishment permanent impose additional burden upon the Municipality by withholding the grant?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The system came into force after the rules were issued under the Survey Regulation. These rules came into existence in 1105.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Under what rule was the Trichur Municipality given a contribution?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Under a special order of the Government.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—What was the special order of the Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I can speak these things only from memory. The contribution to Survey establishment was sanctioned, following the British practice of payment of contribution to the Municipalities. The

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first town surveyed was Trichur. The next town was Ernakulam. Then the question was raised whether a surveyor was actually necessary or not. For some time it was held that there was no necessity for a surveyor. I think there was some correspondence on the subject. I urged the imperative necessity to have a permanent town surveyor. If I get sufficient notice I shall gladly furnish the information. There was some correspondence about that.

Motion put and carried.

3. I—Land Revenue—Service Labels—Rs. 500.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I rise again to request that the House will be pleased to grant an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under Service Labels. Our original allotment was Rs. 5,500 this year. But owing to census operations and Legislative Council elections a large extra volume of correspondence became necessary which necessarily required the use of a large volume of service labels. I request that this may be granted.

Motion put and carried.

4. III—Co-operative Societies--Establishment—Rs. 500.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500—under III—Co-operative Societies Establishment. The budget grant of Rs. 8,639 for the current year under the head is found insufficient to meet the demands of the year. A sum of Rs. 900 more is necessary on this account. The increase in the expenditure over the budget grant is due to the fact that the arrear pay of the staff for 1105 on account of the revision of pay had to be paid this year out of this allotment, as the arrear bills could not be cashed after pre-audit before the close of 1105. Out of the sum of Rs. 900 now required Rs. 400 can be met by transfer from the provision of Rs. 500 for training clerks and therefore only a sum of Rs. 500, the balance, is required. I request the House will be pleased to vote for this grant.

Motion put and carried.

5. XI—Registration—(F) T. A.—Rs. 900.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 900 under XI—Registration—Travelling Allowance. Including the additional allotment of Rs. 100 and a transfer of Rs. 130 from the savings under temporary establishment there was a total allotment of Rs. 4,730 under this head. The actual for 1105 has been Rs. 4,444. But in 1106 an additional expenditure had to be incurred on account of the census operations, the Legislative Council elections and the Thrithalicharthu. Consequently an

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additional allotment of at least Rs. 900 under XI—Registration is required. I request that this amount may be voted by the Council.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know how much of this was spent in connection with the census work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Separate accounts are not available.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Roughly?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know. It is very hard to guess.

Motion put and carried.

6. XV—Law and Justice—Establishment—Rs. 11,218.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Sir, I rise to move the House to vote for a grant of Rs. 11,218 under XV—Law and Justice. The details of this are as follows :—

Rs. 1,486—Establishment charges ; Rs. 3,330—District Courts—Establishment charges ; Rs. 293—Establishment charges of the temporary Additional Judge; Rs. 3,571—B3.-Munsiff Courts' Establishment charges; Rs. 2,538—Process Establishment charges.

There are no funds available for transfer under any of the votable heads. The additional allotment is necessitated by the increase in the Establishment charges due to the payment of enhanced salary, increment, etc., to some clerks under the recent revision, increase in the leave allowance and the extension of the term of the temporary 2nd Additional Court of Anjikaimal. I request the House to vote for the grant.

Motion put and carried.

7. XV—Law and Justice—Temporary Establishment—Rs. 150.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under XV—Law and Justice. The Government have appointed a temporary Additional Special First Class Magistrate at Ernakulam with effect from 22nd Mithunam 1106 for the trial of the cases arising out of the riots at Kumbalangi and sanctioned a staff of one clerk on Rs. 25, one copyist on Rs. 20 and two peons on Rs. 11 each. The establishment charges for Mithunam comes to Rs. 23. A sum of Rs. 44 will be necessary for the purchase of a few items of furniture and a further sum of Rs. 88 under Service labels, postage, office expenses and T. A. An additional allotment of Rs. 150 in round figures is therefore necessary.

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Motion put and agreed to.

8. XV—Law and Justice—E. Factories—Rs. 105.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 105 under XV—Law and Justice—E. Factories. This amount is required for payment to the Boiler Inspector of the inspection fees for the month of Medam and Edavam 1105. He has been allowed to draw either a moiety of the inspection fee or to draw the actual T. A. according to the new orders. He preferred to draw the moiety for Medam and Edavam 1105 and there is no provision for that amount in the current year's budget and therefore a special allotment of Rs. 105 is required for this purpose. The amount can however be met by transfer from the pay of the Factory Inspector, but it is non-votable. The present allotment is under a votable item and for this transfer the sanction of the House is necessary.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval—May I know why Government gave the option?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because orders were passed only later than Medam and Edavam 1105 and yet the orders had retrospective effect. Therefore it was thought that it would have been hard to deny the option.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know how much the difference would work out?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —Not very much.

Motion put and agreed to.

XXXIII—Miscellaneous—11. Special Allowance to Subordinate Staff—Rs. 1,449.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,449 under 33. Miscellaneous-Special Allowance. The last re-organisation, it has been pointed out, has not benefited some of the low-paid officers in a few departments who were getting special allowance and they would be adversely affected if the allowance is stopped immediately. The following are the posts to which such allowance was attached and has to be continued. This allowance will cease when the incumbents are promoted to higher posts.

Four supernumerary peons in the Land Revenue Department (now reduced to two) Rs. 50. 24 Panchayat clerks, 3 Sanitary Maistries and 6 fieldmen—Agricultural Department Rs. 742. 9 Compounders and one Vaccinator—Medical Department Rs. 213. Supernumerary attender—Registration Department Rs. 24. 3 attenders—Forest Department Rs. 60. Oottu staff—Charities Rs. 360. Total Rs. 1,449. No provision was proposed for these in the budget estimates of this year as this was not foreseen. I request that the allotment may be sanctioned.

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Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—On behalf of my constituency, I greatly appreciate the generosity on the part of the Government.

Motion put and carried.

10. 6—Stamps—Cranganur—Rs. 150.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under 6-Stamps-Cranganur. The amount that is really due from Cranganur to the State accounts on account of these stamps amounts to Rs. 1,247. There is only a budget provision of Rs. 1,100. Consequently an additional allotment of Rs. 150 is required for the purpose. I request that the House will be pleased to vote this amount.

Motion put and carried.

11. 8—Anchal—Cranganur—Rs. 70.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 70 under 8-Anchal--Cranganur. This is also necessitated by the same reasons as explained under the head 6-stamps. The budget provision is only Rs. 400 and the actuals have come to Rs. 469-11-0. Therefore an additional allotment of Rs. 70 will be required for the purpose. I request hat this may be voted by the House.

Motion put and carried.

12. 10—Law and Justice—B—Civil Court charges (b) Establishment—Cranganur—Rs. 325.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for Rs. 325 under 10—Law and Justice—B—Civil Court charges—(b) Establishment—Cranganur. In the Cranganur Budget the provision under this head is Rs. 7,553. The amount that will be required under the revised estimate is in excess of this by about Rs. 325 and this is so because some of the arrear bills and leave allowance of last year could not be paid then. I request that this amount may be voted by the House.

Motion put and carried.

13. 20—Miscellaneous—Cranganur—Rs. 24.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 24 under 20—Miscellaneous—Cranganur. For reasons already explained by me before, a special allowance of Rs. 24 has to be paid to the Compounder at Cranganur. I request that the Council may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Motion put and carried.

14. 22 (a)—Purchase of Stationery Articles—Cranganur—Rs. 252—0—1.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move that this House will be pleased to vote a supplementary grant of Rs. 252—0—1 under 22 (a)—Purchase of

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Stationery Articles—Cranganur. The practice is that all the articles of stationery necessary for Cranganur are supplied from the Central Stationery Office at Ernakulam. A certain provision is made in the budget and about the end of the year or the last quarter of the year, the actual cost is ascertained from the Superintendent of Stamps and a request is made and often times it is found that the amount provided for in the budget is not quite sufficient to adjust the accounts. In 1105 there was an excess expenditure of Rs. 154—1—1. Intimation about that was given when this House was sitting for the budget session. So no request could be made at that time. The excess in 1105 was Rs. 97—15—0. So the additional expenditure of 1105 and the additional expenditure of 1106 are covered by the supplementary grant of Rs. 252—0—1, that I am requesting this House to vote.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 252-0-1 for 22 (a)—Purchase of Stationery Articles—Cranganur—by Rs. 154-1-1.*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I have moved for the reduction of Rs. 154—1—1 just to bring to the consideration of this House the belated nature of the grant. Ideally we, on this side of the House, hold that the Government should foresee all contingencies at the time of presenting the budget in the beginning of the year. This Rs. 154—1—1 is stated to be for stationery articles supplied for 1105. We hold that while for the budget for 1105 was presented this contingency should have been foreseen. Anyway emergencies arise and the Government had ample opportunities before this to make a demand for this grant. If supplementary grants are made so late and if the House is to vote for it, I am of opinion that the House will be losing its control over the distribution of public money. The supplementary grants made in 1105 and 1106 up to this do not include this item and I request the Government to give me the explanation necessary. I move just to safeguard the rights of this House, to reduce the demand by Rs. 154—1—1.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I may say a word of explanation. It is true that a part of this amount had to be spent on account of excess articles that had to be issued in 1105. But to say that there has been considerable delay in bringing this demand is not quite correct. Because even if the excess demand for 1105 is met from this year's allotment it is quite likely that this year there may be sufficient funds to meet the cost of the articles of this year also. In other words, we would know in these matters where we are exactly only at the close of the year. We thought it would be rather premature if we came earlier with a demand on this item and give the reasons as has been

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given now. For, it may be then open to the objection that there is still a few months more and who knows whether the budget provision for this year may not be sufficient to meet the last year's extra purchase and the present year's demands. Therefore it was thought that it may be much better to wait till about the close of the year, when the actuals can be worked out. This is the reason why this was not preferred in Kumbham or Meenam. There has not been thus any delay on this account.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What is the use of asking the House to vote for the amount after spending the money?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This is money still to be spent. The articles issued last year could not be paid for in that year and they were paid this year. It is a running account. And you pay and receive amounts every now and then. I cannot say that we have already spent this amount. This amount would be required before final adjustment.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—The matter was brought to the notice of the Government in 1105. If the matter was brought to Government's notice as early as Karkadagam 1105, there is no reason why this has not been brought before this House.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret the Member has not understood me. The wish of the Government was that out of the current year's allotment this amount may also be possible to be paid. If that was not possible, then we thought we shall come forward for an additional allotment. And we could know this only very late in this year.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I perfectly understood the Hon'ble Member. If we rely on this year's provision I may say that a deficit like this is likely to result every year in the case of Cranganur. The Government could very well have foreseen that. Now, it is only after our experience of the current year that we can say whether there is excess or deficit. The invariable experience of the previous years, at least for the last two years, should have made the Government foresee the contingency.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A lump provision is made for Cranganur. They do not purchase the articles. We supply the necessary articles from Ernakulam and about the end of the year we make a calculation. If there is an excess they suffer a deficit. Generally a rough calculation is made. So far as 1105 there was a deficit. It was thought that the amount could be met from the 1106 provision. Generally these calculations are made in the end of the year. It is merely a matter of book adjustment, no spending of money, nothing of the kind. The value of the articles will be replaced. There will be some additional work. All these things cannot be calculated with mathematical accuracy. Ideals are always good, but in this work-a-day world these ideals are unworkable. The intimation

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of the deficit of 1105 was received only on the 9th of July and it was not possible to bring a demand then. The calculation was made only in Karkadagam. In 1106 we wanted to make sure what the allotment in 1106 would be as well as the deficit in 1105. The exact figures could not be got as observed by the Secretary to the Diwan. We could not fix exactly what the additional allotment required for 1105 and 1106 in Kumbham and Meenam. It is only towards the close of the year that we can arrive at exact figures. We have come forward in a straightforward manner to make the supplementary grant. It could have been done in 1105. But that was prepared only on 25th July. This year we got a little early. We could make adjustment for both the estimates. No spending of money. It is a mere matter of book adjustment. Last year there was not sufficient time. It is very simple.

Mr. K. Ayyappan —May I know whether last year's expenses can be met from this year's budget?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can be done with the sanction of the Diwan.

Mr. K. Ayyappan—Then it must be a statement.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained that the amount is still required for payment till the end of Karkadagam 1106. We had an allotment of Rs. 600. We want some more money this year. That is because of some items which had to be adjusted this year.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I support the Government motion. We find in the Administration Reports that the Cranagnur finances are in a very precarious condition. Receipts hardly suffice to meet the expenses under various heads. I have been noticing that it has been the policy of the Government to estimate for the lowest figures possible. The motion relates to a mere question of adjustment. Government have already incurred this expenditure and it is only a question of appropriating so much money out of the Cranganur funds into our funds. I do not think there has been any great delay in this matter, and I would on these grounds support this motion.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether there was anything wrong or objectionable to consider it in the Vrischigam session ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was only Vrischigam. We were not in a position to know the exact amount that will be necessary. Since there was a budget provision of Rs. 600 in the current year's budget it was thought that there was no necessity to go in for an additional grant.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—That six hundred was for 1106.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—This is payment to be made in 1106.

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Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—It was a payment made in 1105.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It was a liability of 1105.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—1105 and 1106 are two distinct years. Whether there was anything objectionable to come before the House with the liability incurred in 1105 early in 1106?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It could not have been done satisfactorily. We could not arrive at the amount satisfactorily.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Why did not you ask the amount in 1105?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Probably there was an expectation that there would be some reduction in the current year. We could not take the whole of Rs. 154 from this year's allotment.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Last year it was a deficit. Suppose this year it is a saving.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If the amount of Rs. 154 was paid from this year's allotment, the House could not have known anything about it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So the delay in coming forward will necessarily lead to the result that it would have been spent without the knowledge of the House.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Only the sum of Rs. 600 would have been spent. That charge will apply not to this particular item because the House does not know the details of all the items.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—We ought to know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I withdraw the motion.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.

Supplementary grant put and carried.

Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Sir, I beg to move that the Tenancy Regulation Amendment Bill be referred to a fresh Select Committee and in doing so I propose the following gentlemen to be the members of that Committee:—Messrs. P. I. Varugis, A. Sankara Menon, T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, K. Mohammed Seethi, K. Ayyappan, K. T. Mathew, C. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Kunhunni Nayar, P. Raman Menon and the Government Advocate.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—I nominate Mr. P. I. Varugis as the Chairman. The Committee is to report within six months.

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